## Rowan One Church One Child News Flash February - March 2015

Rowan County Churches partnering with RCDSS meeting the life needs of children, teenagers, birth parents, and relative care providers who are receiving Child Protective, Foster Care or Adoption Services from RCDSS.



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#### Dear Friends!

Your generosity and dedication to our children are a blessing from God. Without you, we could not be the hands and feet of Jesus to His children in Rowan County.

2014 was a record year for ROCOC.

- 1098 children were served at the ROCOC Main Street UMC Assistance Center.
- 508 children and teenagers received gifts from the Star Tree.
- 1,929 children and teenagers were served.
- 180 beds were purchased \$14,452.72
- 53 appliances and furniture were purchased—\$2,955.18
- 8 families received assistance with utilities—\$1,676.29
- 15 baby and toddler car seats were purchased—\$700.41
- 57 teens age 16-18 received birthday gift cards—\$570.00
- \$139.74 was spent on baby items.
- \$1,501.16 was spent on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, extermination pesticides, pots and pans, flatware, dishes, medicine lock boxes, storage containers, a child safety monitor, door chimes, baby bottles, heaters, Christmas gift cards, girls underwear, Links teens birthday gift cards, and a baby bath tub.
- 1894.50 hours were donated by volunteers.

Member congregations are asked to do at least one project per year. If your congregation has not fulfilled this commitment, then I invite you to choose something from the current needs list on the next page and fulfill your membership obligation.

We are deeply grateful to all congregations who have fulfilled your commitment and to those who have gone above and beyond we praise God for you.

May God bless you as we continue to minister to Jesus children, teenagers, relative care providers, foster parents and birth parents in 2015.

Jon









Boys/ Girls—2T -Teenager



Girls all sizes



Boys—all sizes

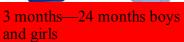












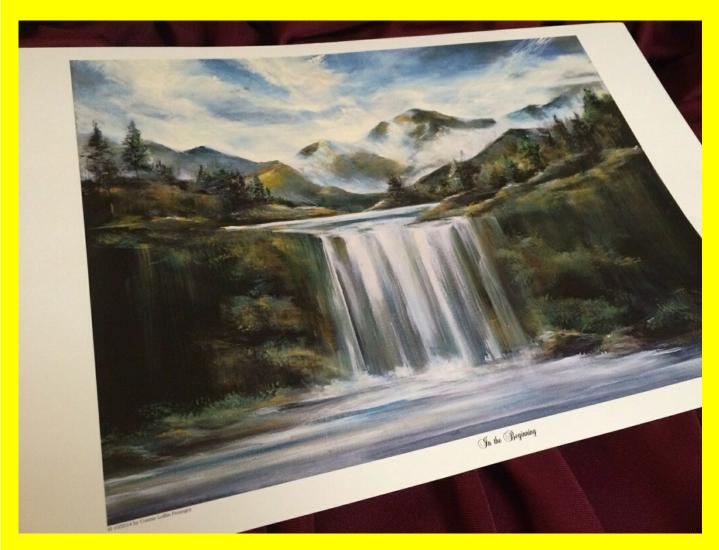












Local artist, Connie Loflin Peninger, a lifelong member of Main Street United Methodist Church, is selling a Giclée print of her latest painting entitled "In the Beginning". This 13"x9" piece of artwork will be a spiritual, enjoyable addition to your home décor or will make a wonderful Christmas present for your friends and family. The purchase price is \$25 and Connie has generously chosen to donate to the One Church One Child program \$5 for every painting purchased to help purchase beds and other life essential items for children who have been victimized and traumatized by abuse, neglect or dependency.

The prints can be picked up at the One Church One Child Assistance Center at 1312 N. Main Street, Salisbury. Connie has volunteered to deliver multiple orders to your church if needed. You may place your order by contacting me at 704-216-7914 or <a href="mailto:jon.hunter@rowancountync.gov">jon.hunter@rowancountync.gov</a>
Thank you for you involvement in and support of the One Church One Child program!

I am grateful to my friend, local artist Connie Loflin Peninger, for her service and generosity. A picture of the print is attached to this email.

Please let your church members know about this wonderful opportunity to help the children and teenagers that are served by the Rowan One Church One Child Ministry.



# 2015 ROCOC Annual Celebration Banquet Monday, April 20, 2015 6 p.m.

Oakdale Baptist Church Family Life Center 200 Charles Street, Spencer, NC 28159 Invitations will be mailed out by March 15, 2015

# Thank you for your support. In January 2015:

- ⇒ 67 children were served at the ROCOC Assistance Center
- ⇒ 26 purchases were made for children and teenagers
- ⇒ 93 children and teenagers were served
- ⇒ 158 hours were donated by volunteers
- ⇒ 19 beds were purchased for \$1699.90
- ⇒ 4 appliances/furniture items were purchased for \$71.72
- ⇒ Other items purchased baby gate, bed rail, security lock box for \$80.53
- ⇒ Donations received \$2,334.92
- ⇒ Total spent \$1852.15

## Main Street UMC ROCOC Assistance Center Schedule

Open 9-11 and 1:30—4 pm

February 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26

March 2, 5, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30

#### **Closed:**

Monday March 9 and Thursday March 26

# Mile of Pennies

Rowan County One Church One Child Fundraiser



## **EVERY PENNY COUNTS!**

One penny may not seem like much, but when you add another penny and then even more it equals **BIG** results!!! Help support Rowan County One Church One Child by bringing your pennies and other change to church. Together, all of those coins will help change the lives of children and families in **our** community.

Did you know ...

It takes 84,480 pennies lined up side by side to reach the length of a mile? That would total \$844.80!

ALL proceeds will help purchase twin beds, cribs, pack-n-plays, car seats, chest of drawers, stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, and furniture.

FOR THE CONTAINERS:

Mile of Pennies

**Rowan County One Church One Child Fundraiser** 

Bring loose change to help support our community!

# Give a gift to the ROCOC Ministry Child Assistance Fund in memory or in honor of someone.

Your gift will help to provide:

- A bed to keep a Rowan County child or teenager from sleeping on the floor or with a parent;
- Clean socks to help keep a child or teenagers feet warm during the cold winter;
- **Personal hygiene items** (tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, shampoo, deodorant) to help children and teens to stay clean and healthy;
- <u>Used Chest of Drawers</u> to ensure that children have a clean and safe place to store their clothes.
- <u>Used appliances</u> so that children will have clean clothes to wear and safe nourishing food to eat.

Please make checks payable to RCDSS. In the memo line write ROCOC. **Your donation may be mailed to RCDSS**.

Attention—Jon Hunter, 1813 E. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28146

### **How Can I Make A Difference?**

#### Donate:

ALL DONATIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR GUEST (CHILDREN, TEENAGERS, BIRTH PARENTS OR CARE GIVERS) WHO ARE REFERRED TO THE ROCOC MAIN STREET UMC ASSISTANCE CENTER BY A RCDSS CHILDREN'S SERVICES SOCIAL WORKER.

Bring your donations to Main Street United Methodist Church 1312 N. Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 Mondays or Thursdays 9-11 am or 1:30 - 4 pm

Please visit our website for the current month's schedule at www.rowancountync.gov/rococ

#### **Gently Used or New Items:**

Clothes - Children & Adult Sizes
Shoes - Children & Adult Sizes
Bed Frames
Chest of Drawers
Sheets, blankets, and comforters
Towels and Wash Clothes
Toys for All Ages
Small Appliances
Dishes, Flatware, and Cookware
Books for All Ages
Baby Items

#### **Donate New Items:**

Diapers
Baby Wipes
Socks and Underwear - Children and Adult Sizes
Bed Pillows
Cleaning Supplies
Personal Hygiene Items
School Supplies

Volunteer at the Main Street ROCOC Main Street UMC ASSISTANCE CENTER

Ardis Chapel AME Zion Gay's Chapel UMC

Bethel Lutheran Gethsemane Missionary Baptist

Grace UMC

Liberty UMC

Bethel UMC Gold Hill UMC

Bethlehem UMC Gloria Dei Lutheran

Cedar Grove AME Zion

Centenary UMC Haven Lutheran

Central UMC - Spencer Lebanon Lutheran

China Grove Church of God

Christ Episcopal Maupin Avenue Presbyterian

Christ UMC Memorial UMC
Church of the Word of God Milford Hills UMC

Cleveland UMC Mount Olive Full Gospel Baptist

Coburn Memorial UMC Mount Tabor UMC
Concordia Lutheran Mount Zion CME

Cornerstone Church Mount Zion Missionary Baptist

Dorsett Chapel UCC Mount Zion United Church Of Christ

First Calvary Baptist
Oak Grove UMC
First Presbyterian – Salisbury
Oakdale Baptist
First United Church of Christ
Providence UMC

First UMC – China Grove Refreshing Springs Christian Ministry

First UMC – Landis Rock Grove UMC
First UMC – Salisbury Rockwell UMC

Freedom United Church of God

Salem Lutheran

San Mateo - St Matthew's Episcopal

Second Presbyterian

Shiloh UMC

Soldiers Memorial AME Zion

South China Grove UMC

Southside Church of God

Southern City AME Zion

St. James Lutheran

St. Matthew's Lutheran

St. Paul's Lutheran

The Tower of Power United Holy Church

United Christian Fellowship Outreach International

Woodleaf UMC

Word of Life Family Worship Center

Zion UMC

# **ROCOC Member Congregations**

Please consider joining us in ministering to children in Rowan County who are victims of child abuse and neglect. To find out more information please contact Rev. Jon Hunter at 704-216-7914, jon.hunter@rowancountync.gov . Jon will be happy to speak to any group in your congregation about the ROCOC Ministry. Each member congregation is asked to do at least one project per year to help the children that we serve.